

STOCK MARKET HEAVY—FOREIGN SELLING ABSENT IN NEW YORK—COTTON IN DEMAND

STOCKS OFFERED DOWN ON SELLING BY N. Y. TRADERS

United States Steel Common Led on Decline—Missouri Pacific and Mexican Petroleum Strong.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—After opening higher an aggressive selling movement developed in the stock market today, and around noon there were declines of about one point in the leading issues. The first demonstration was made against United States Steel common, and one stock after another was offered down. No one had a definite idea as to the basis for the selling, but it was generally assumed that the traders were attempting to create uncertainty over the dividend prospects of United States Steel.

The popular estimate is that net earnings of the Steel Corporation for the quarter ended December 31 will be about \$60,000,000, and there will be a deficit of \$6,000,000 in providing for the dividend on the preferred stock. There is nothing in expressions of officials or heavy-holding interests to indicate any change in the dividend policy, but the market has fully inferred that the common stock will be kept on the dividend list with a declaration of a dividend of 50 cents a share, the same as in the preceding quarter. In the afternoon the stock declined 1 point to 60%, the lowest it has sold for for some time.

The market closed dull, with prices generally below the final on Saturday.

Foreign selling continued from the market situation today, and brokers who handled the bulk of the London selling also said that cancellations were general this morning as a result of the naval victory. Private cables said a strong tone prevailed in the London market because of this event, but that the trading was restricted because of uncertainty over the minimum prices to be established on the London exchange at the end of the month.

There was the same accumulative buying in Reading that has been in evidence for some time past. After selling at 200, ex-dividend of 2 per cent, the price declined to 140% and later rallied to 150%.

There was no news to account for the buying of the stock.

Missouri Pacific and Mexican Petroleum were the only really strong features in the list. The former rose 1% to 13% during the first hour, but lost % of the advance late in the day. The rise was thought to be the result of the more favorable position of the firm in the Mexican Petroleum, which showed an advance of 2 to 65¢, there was evidence of continued pool activity. No news was forthcoming on the stock.

During the morning session strength developed in General Motors common, a gain of 3% was made to 94, but 1 point of this was lost around mid-day. The preferred also sold at 94, up %.

Cash money loaned at 2 per cent, and the foreign exchange market was firm.

GOOD DEMAND FOR COTTON

Prices at Close Were 1 to 12 Points Above Final Saturday.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—The cotton market displayed a firm tone this morning, a good general demand being in evidence, and prices were 3 points lower to 6 higher. There was a noticeable absence of the Southern cotton, which continued to go in last week's decline. Liverpooleans reached a moderate spot demand at that port, with decreased hedge selling and a good market underway. After the call the list gained about a point in the active months.

The market was less active during the noon hour, prices reacting four to five points from the bid under realizing. Offerings, however, remained light, and the market closed steady around 100, up 1% to 105, May, and 94 for October. It was reported that Alabama farmers had begun agitation to have the cotton acreage reduction act repealed. Atlanta wires claimed that no spots were offered and could not be bought at a decline. A Savannah wire said that spot holders were not meeting declines, but that the market was still weak, and that it had been the last 10 days. There was a renewal of investment buying. The market closed with prices 1 to 12 points above the final on Saturday.

Bat. close. Open. High. Low. Close.

May 9.32 8.42 8.64 8.41 8.32

July 9.90 8.02 8.06 8.62 9.02

Sept. 10 9.15 9.20 9.12 9.25 9.25

Sept. 30 9.25 9.35 9.40 9.35 9.35

Spot, 8.35.

MINING STOCK QUOTATIONS

TONOPAH STOCKS.

Bid. Ask.

McBain71 .73

Midway06 .07

Mine Ext.28 .30

Northern Star15 .17

Tonopah Belmont 4.15-16 4.17-18

Tonopah 2.20-21 2.20-21

Tonopah Merg.35 .35

Tonopah Mining75 .75

West Bull.69 .69

West Goldfield64 .66

Atlanta Bull.42 .48

Atlanta08 .08

Atlanta06 .06

Atlanta07 .07

Atlanta05 .07

Atlanta07 .07

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